

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## Home Mission Day, Sunday August 9 Ohio State Camp-Meeting Middletown, August 6-16

### DEDICATION SERVICE AT FOX HILL, BAHAMAS

New Church Building. A Grand Occasion. A Very Sacred and Impressive Scene

On July 19 at 4:00 p. m. the new church building at Fox Hill, Bahamas was dedicated. Brother W. V. Eneas (Bishop) in charge. The service opened by singing, Our Heavenly Father Knows. Prayer by Brother F. Z. Taylor; after another good song, Scripture lesson was read by the pastor of Fox Hill Church, Brother W. Garrett. Opening address by Brother W. V. Eneas. Select song by Bro. Bevans.

Brother W. V. Eneas delivered the dedication sermon. We had no trumpets to blow but it reminded me of the days of Solomon when the temple in Jerusalem was dedicated unto the Lord.

It was an impressive scene to see the elders with their hands lifted heavenward while our dearly beloved bishop Eneas prayed, then their hands fell to their sides at the same time. I was happy to have the privilege of being present at this grand occasion.

Brother W. Cash a representative from this district delivered a fine address. Showed the people how he appreciated their work. He also gave an outline of the mission work in Africa and of the work done by Bro. Bell, and encouraged the people very much.

After this a collection was taken for the building amounting to \$58.00. Brothers Davis, Farrington, Roper, Adderbey, and Saunders, pastors from the neighboring churches gave short talks in behalf of the church work which was very encouraging. After singing a good song the meeting, long to be remembered, was brought to a close at 6:30 p. m. We then marched down town for the night service.

Albert Ingraham.  
Nassau, N. P. Bahamas.

### Revival Fire Burning in Md.

The meeting at Pine Ridge Church, Princess Anne, Md. closed July 5. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were 5 saved, 6 sanctified, 6 received the Holy Ghost. One sister received the Holy Ghost who had been saved and sanctified in our first meeting in Md. About three years ago she attended a meeting conducted by Brother Paul Walker and in this meeting fought off conviction. Her health was good at the time but soon that dread disease, T. B. had taken hold of her body and she was sent to the sanitarium at Baltimore, returned home no better. God warned her to seek Him but she refused. She came to the Church of God and began to seek the Lord; was saved, sanctified and God wonderfully healed her of the T. B. Praise God. We have some pure gold at Pine Ridge, judging from the way the Lord blesses. Pray for us to keep true and humble.  
Geo. Bloomingdale and wife.

LAKE HELEN, Fla.—I am praising God for a four weeks meeting here at this place. One received the Holy Ghost, and the Lord did some wonderful healing. He healed one person of an eating cancer; one of asthma and one of rheumatism. There were three saved. The Lord is blessing much at Lake Helen. Pray that God will have His way and that we can do something for the Lord at this place. — Ivory James, Pastor.

### Jacob Riis and Missions

"Every once in a while," said Jacob A. Riis, "I hear some one growl against foreign missions because the money and the strength put into them are needed at home. I did it myself when I did not know better. God forgive me. I know better now; and I will tell you how I found out. I became interested in a strong religious awakening in my own old city of Copenhagen, and set about investigating it. It was then that I learned what others had learned before me, and what was the fact there, that for every dollar you give away to convert heathen abroad, God gives you ten dollars' worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home."—Selected.

### REVIVAL AT EAST CHATTANOOGA, TENN. D. R. Moreland, Evangelist in Charge.—33 Saved, 22 Sanctified, 19 Received the Holy Ghost

God still blessing at East Chattanooga. We came here Sunday June 28, and started the meeting. God began to work. There were 21 at the altar the first service, and night after night the altar was full of men and women seeking the Lord. The saints sang, danced and talked in tongues and the power kept falling and many got the victory and shouted the praises of the Lord. The congregations were large even if the weather was warm and disagreeable. They came, fanned and did the best they could. The pastor worked faithfully in these services, though there was a great deal of sickness and he was on the go most of the time. The choir did good singing. The result of the meeting was 33 saved, 22 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water and 13 added to the church. We stayed over for the Lord's supper and feet washing and 150 took part in the feet washing service. On Sunday night the building would not hold the people; extra seats were added but of no avail, the crowd had to stand.  
D. R. Moreland, Evangelist.

The Lord Blessed in Convention PRINCETON, W. Va.—I want to praise the Lord today for salvation and that today still finds me under the precious blood of Jesus with a deep desire in my heart to go all the way with the Lord and do what He would have me do. It has been some time since I wrote to the Evangel, but thank the Lord I am still in the Church of God, and love it with all my heart. Glory to Jesus.

I just feel like the Lord would have me say a few words about our district convention which convened here June 18-21, 1925. At first it looked a little discouraging the crowd was so small and some of the speakers of the program were a little late in getting here, but later on the attendance was good and the preachers came filled with the Spirit, about two that were on the program did not get here. We were sorry that they could not be here, but thank the Lord we had some with us who were not on the program. We certainly appreciated having them. I could say more, but for lack of space. I truly thank the Lord for the wonderful time that we had. I believe all the saints enjoyed being at the convention, because the presence of the Lord was great. Praise His good name. Saints every where pray for us.  
Clyde Pennington.

### Report of Our Work in Jamaica, B. W. I.

#### New Church Set In Order—Thirty-Seven Members—Baptizing—Discouragements Overcome—Work at Kingston Prosperous.

E. E. Simmons and wife

Since our last report we have set a church in order at Mt. Providence with 37 members. We find some good people at this place that want the truth, while others are against the government of the church.

I baptized three and there were more to be baptized, but didn't have sufficient clothing. The people there are very poor, we have to pay all of our expenses. We go to Chapelton on the train then hire a car to take us to the mountains.

We pay 25 cents per mile each way, making it \$7.00 for fourteen miles.

We didn't mention our sickness in the last report, so I will say something of it this time. The third week that we were here I was taken down with appendicitis. For a week or more I thought I would die, but my faithful wife held on to God in prayer day and night and the members of the church, that we had set in order, would come and pray for me and wife cabled Headquarters to pray. So the Lord answered prayers, and after two weeks in bed He raised me up.

We were twenty-eight miles out from Kingston in the mountains and the food that we could get did not agree with me, which made it very hard for me to recover.

The lady with whom we roomed said that she never saw a person like my wife, she was so calm and didn't get alarmed but kept praying; said if it were her that she would be crying and send for the doctor. She became convinced that the Lord could heal and later she took a pain in her side and called for prayer and the Lord healed her instantly.

Just as I began to recover, we received a letter from home that my wife's mother had a fall and her hip was broken and she could never walk again, and a little later said we need not be surprised to hear of her death at any time. A few days after her accident we received another letter that our youngest son was driving his car in Tampa and the street car ran into his car and seriously hurt him, and that he was in the hospital with one leg cut nearly off and crushed in his chest and several bad gashes on his head. We

### Laid On Body

CARYVILLE, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise this evening to my blessed Master who has done so much for me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me of asthma that I would testify to it. I was sick all winter; had no saints near me to pray for me so I had the doctor, but got worse all the time. One day I took the Evangel and laid it on my chest and prayed and asked Jesus to heal; well, praise God He did and I have not had a touch of asthma since.

I desire the prayers of all who read this that I may receive the blessed Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Bud Hughett.

could do nothing but call on the Lord and surely He has helped us. We hear that our son is able to go to work and our mother will soon be up. To Him be all the glory.

The work in Kingston is looking better. We find opposition here with the professed folks. One minister asked me why I didn't go to South America and preach to the Indians; another man asked me about my faith and when I told him, he spoke against it, and said that it would make these people worse. I told him not so, that we had some of the best people in America, and he said that he didn't deny that but the Holy Ghost movement would not do here. So I don't know what he would recommend for this people as he seems to think he knows more than God.

We walked the streets for about three weeks searching for a building for a mission. We find that rent is very high here. We pay \$20.00 per month for a small building and I had to buy lumber for making seats, making about \$35.00 to begin with. We have been holding services for five nights. There were six at the altar last night, the interest is increasing. There are more churches and rum shops in this town, than I have ever seen. Some places the street meetings were so close together that one couldn't hear what was being said. I never saw so much confusion in my life.

We have many things to meet but I am glad that we have the Word to go by, and the Church of God to pray for us, for when discouragements would come, there is something that would brace us up, and when we hear from the church folks again you say that you have been praying for us and we feel the effects of it. Please keep praying for us.

We received a letter from a sister in Tampa, saying that she had put us on her list to pray for every day, so we are glad to know that the people are interested in our work out here.

We have had several good letters from different ones in the states and it cheers and helps us along the way.

We hope to be at the Wimauna camp meeting in October.

### NICHOLLS, Ga.—I want to

praise the Lord this evening for saving, sanctifying me and I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Praise His name. Though I have many tests in sickness during the past six months yet I know that by His stripes we are healed. My little boy is real sick now and I desire your prayers that he may be healed, also pray that I may be healed. I am old and feeble and live seven miles from church and have not been to service for some time, so you know I am getting hungry. Please pray for me.  
Mrs. C. S. Whitley

### Safe Where Churches Are

A story is told of two sailors who were shipwrecked and thrown upon an unknown island. They began to reconnoitre carefully, thinking that the island might be cannibals.

To get a view of the valley, one of them climbed a high tree, and when he looked around, he suddenly sang out loud "Hurrah!" "What is it?" cried his companion. "The spire of a church in the valley," was the reply. Where Christ is known, enemies are changed to friends, and men are safe as prophesied at the birth of John the Baptist.—Selected.

### North Dakota Saints Shouting the Victory

HAZEN, N. Dak.—I feel like I want to write a few words to tell you about the good time we had in the Lord at Red Butte Church, June 27, 28, 29. I was getting so dry in the spirit I thought I was just about ready to blow away. The Lord made a way for me to attend this Assembly and He certainly did bless my soul. There was much good preaching; a number added to the church, a baptismal service and the last night we observed the Lord's supper and feet washing. The power fell in a wonderful way. The Church of God is rising and shining up there on the reservation; pray that it will continue to do so. The saints have been beaten this way and that, for a number of years and only those who have built on the Rock have been able to stand. God set His seal on the service in a powerful way when the new members were taken in. We certainly do thank God for His power and glory at such times. It surely is wonderful to know the Lord and have a place in His body, the dear old Church of God. I want to say to those who are discouraged, look up, God is able to do all things. I have been in such deep valleys and He has brought me safely this far. If there were no clouds there would be no rain. Pray for us in N. Dak. —Mrs. Joe Otnes.

### Saints in Mississippi Have Victory

SCOBEY, Miss.—I am glad that I can report victory in my soul and that the Lord loves His few followers here at Shady Grove. We had a wonderful day last Sunday; had Children's Day and the program was grand. Many came from other churches and had some good speakers. As the Sunday school girls sang "Two Little Children," the audience came forward with \$7.45 for the orphans, for which we praise God. In the afternoon our pastor, Brother Scruggs gave a wonderful message, using Prov. 22:6. The large crowd gathered about the tabernacle was held spell bound, and the message went to the point.

We are now praying and planning for a feast with the Lord beginning the 1st Sunday in August. Brother E. B. Culpepper will be in charge of the preaching, and the Adam band will furnish the music. Everybody who reads this please pray that the Lord will have His way and make this meeting a blessing to many. Your humble sister, —Mrs. H. L. Gillett.

### WHO HATH DESPISED THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS?

The Fields Are White To Harvest, Laborers So Few, Every One Should Be Busy

M. W. Letsinger

We judge from the portion of Scripture written in Zech. 4:10, that it is possible that some may despise the day of small things. Despise, means to look down upon with disfavor, or contempt. Small, means little in size, not large in number, duration, value, trivial, insignificant.

I wonder if some of us are looking upon the small things of life with disfavor or contempt and that we are letting many golden opportunities of working for the Master pass us unnoticed or rather we look upon them with disfavor or contempt, because it is such a little thing to do. Remember the story of Naaman the leper, how displeased he was to do such a small thing as to dip himself in the River Jordan seven times. I have heard men that have been very successful in accumulating wealth say that their success lies in looking after the small things. They say to take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves.

I notice the banks and Mercantile Co., do not despise the little things but are very careful to look after and take care of the smallest item. I notice the Rail Road Companies, have men all along the way to take care of the Company's interest and that they are very zealous in looking after the little things as well as the greater, in fact, it is the small things in most instances coming together that make the greater.

As we travel over the country we see the large streams, and bodies of water, which are very beautiful to look upon, but when we consider their greatness and how they are composed we see that it is the small tributaries coming together that make the large bodies on which the great steamers can go carrying their cargoes of food and merchandise to the inhabitants of earth.

I have heard of men failing in business, because they looked upon the small things with disfavor, or contempt, and while looking for something great to do would fail, and many times have to close their doors in disgrace.

Who hath despised the day of small things?

I have heard people say that they wanted to do something for the Lord, and many times have been made to wonder if they were looking for something too great for them. Paul exhorts us not to be like children, but to be strong like men. Many times we see children trying to do something that is impossible for them to do. We are made strong by exercise, so it is sure that we will have to exercise ourselves in doing the small things before we are able to do the greater. The fields are white to harvest but laborers are so few, there is so much to be done and the time so short that every one should be busy.

If you can't be a State Overseer, or a Pastor of some large city church, perhaps there is some little church in the country that you could teach that have no pastor and are needing help, and you could go, but they do not pay much and you would have to work hard all week, and probably have some expense in going, and when you

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

Entered as second-class mail matter March 1, 1910, at Cleveland, Tennessee under the act of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 3rd, 1917. Authorized August 22nd, 1918.

Miss Vivian Haworth recently returned to her post of duty in the Evangel Office where she has spent a number of years carrying on the work here.

T. L. McLain, Overseer of Alabama returned to this city a few days ago from his field of labor. We are glad to learn that things are moving along fine in that part.

We are receiving many encouraging reports from various parts of the country indicating that a special interest is being manifested. A new and extra touch of divine blessings are being enjoyed by the saints. Let every saint pray earnestly for a world wide revival of old time Pentecostal power that brings real Pentecostal results.

The Evangel force was delighted with the sudden appearance of our friend and Brother Efford Haynes, Overseer of Ohio. The General Overseer and Editor and Publisher had the privilege of entertaining him in their homes and enjoyed the encouraging reports and to learn of the good prospects in the great state of Ohio.

We respectfully call the attention of all of our members and friends to especially remember HOME MISSION DAY, Sunday August 9. This is extremely important as there is an increasing demand for the development of the work in new fields. This has been sadly neglected and is one of the most important works that we have.

Are you planning to attend the next Assembly of the Churches of God at Cleveland, Tenn. October 19 to 25 inclusive? This is expected to be one of the most important and the greatest in the history of the Church. The usual reduced railroad fare tickets are expected to be in effect. If you fail to come, you will both miss and be missed.

D. W. Haworth and family are expected to be on the road to points in Oklahoma in his well arranged truck. He has especially designed living apartments on a motor truck, so if one community does not meet his approval so well, all he has to do is to step on the throttle and move on to the next. He is expected to return to the city by the convening of the next Assembly, after which he expects to move on to the land of Flowers, where he can paint signs, eat oranges, and enjoy the beautiful climate.

We are delighted to learn of the splendid success of our Brother E. E. Simmons and wife, missionaries of Jamaica. Bro. Simmons has gone through a very severe test, but came out victorious. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way, for which we praise Him. It has been very difficult to get mail to and from him, and on account of this difficulty he has met with some financial embarrassment, as some of the finance was delayed in the mail, but it finally reached him. Let every saint pray that God may continue to bless and much good be accomplished there.

Have you considered the great good that might be accomplished by the establishment of the CANVAS CITY, or portable camp meeting equipment mentioned elsewhere in this issue. The object and purpose is to collect together a mammoth equipment to enable us to hold camp meetings near big cities such as Atlanta, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Detroit, Miami and other important centers of population. This equipment can be used South in the winter and North during the summer, with competent evangelistic party and of course accomplish untold good. It would also overcome an apparent prohibited situation which is to say that we would be unable to purchase land and erect buildings near these and other big cities on the account of the extreme high price. With this equipment, vacant land could be leased for any length of time and after the camp meeting is over, move on to the next place. We are serving a great God and if we ever expect to do great things for God, it is time we were at it. "The King's business requireth haste." Write me what you think and enclose how much you think. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." Thank you.

## NOTICES

To our many friends we wish to give notice that we have changed our address from Key West, Fla. to Matthews, Ga. A. A. Carpenter, Matthews, Ga.

I would appreciate it if the readers of the Evangel would send me any Pentecostal or good religious literature to be used for missionary work here. D. R. Driskell, Rt. 1, Box 79, Juliette, Ga.

I have received an apron from some one with no name or address on it and if you will send me your name and address I will be glad to return the apron. A number of handkerchiefs which was returned to you came back to me, so please write your name and address plainly. L. G. Rouse, 2524 Gaut St. Cleveland, Tenn.

There has come a rumor to this office, that W. F. Bryant is not recognized at Headquarters as a minister in the Church of God.

I just want to state here that this rumor is without foundation. When we fail to recognize a man as being a minister we recall his papers. F. J. Lee.

HAGAN, Va.—Charity Fowler writes, "Please pray for some good honest Church of God preacher here to preach for us as we have no real true blue Church of God folks at this place. I sent a handkerchief to be prayed over and anointed for a man here whom the doctors had given up and the Lord wonderfully healed him. Praise the Lord. He is now able to go visiting."

## CORRECTION

You will notice in last weeks Evangel the testimony of John O. Yates, of Eldorado where it mentions that he was examined by a doctor. This was 11 years ago and he has not had a doctor or taken medicine since that time. As this date was omitted some one might think this examination was of recent date.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Let your requests be made known unto God"

Miss Margaret Bissey, of Toledo, Ohio, requests prayer that she may know the will of the Lord concerning her and that the Lord will make it plain to her the desire of her heart.

Mrs. J. W. Burdette of Philadelphia, Miss. requests prayer that she may be healed of asthma and that two friends might be saved.

Mrs. Della Herman of Success, Ark. requests prayer for the healing of her body.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Jack Ashworth writes that he desires the prayers of all the saints scattered abroad to pray for

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get there the crowd is so small, that you decided that if you can't get something better than that, you will just quit. Who hath despised the day of small things?

Probably there are some that would like to be a great Evangelist, hold some great meeting and see the report come out in the Church of God Evangel, I admit that would be fine, but probably the Lord has called you to work in the Sunday school, and prayer meetings, to work and pay your tithes, give in the collections, for the orphans, missionaries, and for the support of the Church of God. But Oh, that is so small that we are so likely to look upon it with disfavor, when the Lord wants us to be willing workers, doing with our might what our hand finds to do.

Some of our preachers seem to be very anxious, to preach, they very seldom miss an opportunity, but they fail to realize the importance of getting the members of their congregation to subscribe for the Church of God Evangel, they take but very little interest in taking up collections for the orphans, or missionaries on the field, but very seldom fail to tell their congregation that they should pay their tithes, and support the ministry. "these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

Joseph, seemed to have been as faithful in doing the small things while in prison, as he was in doing the greater after his promotion to governor. Remember, the duties of life are filled with small things.

Hark the voice of Jesus calling. Who will go and work today. Fields are white the harvest waiting.

Who will bear the sheaves away?

If you cannot cross the ocean. And the heathen land explore. You will find the heathen nearer.

You can help them at your door.

If you cannot give your thousands. You can give the widow's mite.

And the least you do for Jesus. Will be precious in His sight.

If you cannot speak like angels. If you cannot preach like Paul. You can tell the love of Jesus.

You can say He died for all.

Let none hear you idly saying. There is nothing I can do. While the souls of men are dying.

And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly. Let His work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when He calleth.

Here am I send me, send me.

On the Way With Victory

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I praise God this morning because I now enjoy the great privilege of sending a note of praise out to the people. I want to praise God this morning because this still finds me with victory in my soul. Thank the Lord this still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, glory to God. I praise Him because I am traveling upon the highway that He said would be called the "High-Way of Holiness."

I want to praise Him for being in the dear old Church of God. I just want to strive to do His blessed will at all times. I started in this way when quite young, but praise God the younger you begin, the more time you will have to serve the Lord. I have only been in this way about eleven months.

I desire the prayers of all who read this that I may ever stand true and do the will of my blessed Saviour, and that the church at Ozon may grow stronger. May the Lord bless you everyone.—Ernest Bennett.

his family that they may see the light on the Church of God.

Sister Pearl Barker requests prayer that she may be healed of a stroke of paralysis.

## IN HEATHEN LANDS

## Student of the Bible Correspondence Course

In this little missionary talk I am fully persuaded to give you an inkling of the conditions in the heathen lands. There are millions of people who know nothing about our blessed Jesus whom we love and adore. In China, Japan, India and Africa and the islands of the sea, people are crying and dying for the want of something that they cannot express. They need Jesus, and how can they ever find Him unless some one tells them and points them to the Lamb of Calvary.

Men, women and children bow down to gods of wood and stone. Truly they want to worship and because they know not the living God, they worship something else and call it God.

In Paul's day the men of Athens knew there was some supreme being so they built an altar with the inscription, "To the unknown God." They were desirous to worship and did worship God ignorantly, but these poor benighted heathens worshipped their different idols and are so devoted and deluded that they even torture their own bodies to satisfy the demands of their gods.

In India there are child widows at the age of four years old, and instead of loving and pitying these poor children they are left as outcasts, and no one cares for them, and they are treated cruelly. There is no love between husband and wife, but sometimes the father promises the child in marriage even when it is born. They do not realize what sin is, for they are so steeped and deluded therein.

In Africa the heathen are very savage, but the same Jesus died for us, and as He has also saved us He can save them, and make them as happy as we. One girl in Africa heard of a certain mission station and walked 80 miles to find out how to get saved. She wanted to look like a Christian too, so she was given some civilized clothes, even that made her happy. Oh, who will take these souls upon their own hearts, and say with the prophet of old, "Here am I send me?" Jesus wants willing hearts to do His will; willing hands to do His work; willing feet to walk where He leads, and willing lips to speak forth salvation. Let Jesus have His way and put the "want to" in your hearts. He does not compel us to go. He just makes us willing to go. Are we willing to forsake friends and loved ones, home comforts and civilization and carry the blessed gospel story across the seas? Jesus loved them just as He loved us, and the nearest place to heaven is to be in the will of the Lord, whether it be in China, India or Africa, just where ever Jesus leads. Oh, who will be bold enough to follow His command. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And step out upon His promises divine, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, I will be with thee unto the end."

SURRENCY, GA.—I am praising God this morning for what He has been to me and for what He is to me now.

Our pastor has been called away to another field but we are praying and trusting that the Lord will send us another one. Bro. Hipps came over and conducted services for us on the 3rd Sunday. He certainly did bring some inspiring messages. The house was crowded and the services were enjoyed by all. He brought some of the folks with him from Brentwood and Odum. We were certainly glad to have them and hope they will come again.

Vannie O'Quin.

## IN MEMORY OF

## BRYANT

On July 7, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Baxter Bryant, and claimed their darling little boy, Ray, for its victim; age 6 years, 9 months and 25 days. He was a bright little boy and was loved by all. We would talk of Jesus and heaven and during all of his suffering he would ask for prayer and singing. All was done for him that loving hands could do. He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, mother, four sisters, a twin brother, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Brother Vanbeber and Sister Holmes. The Lord saw fit to take him and plant him over on the golden shore where there will be no more suffering or sorrow, but all will be happiness. One that loved him, Alvin Holmes, Goin, Tenn.

## JOHNSON

MONROE, La.—On July 18, 1925, the death angel claimed our old grandmother; age about 77 years, and called her to be with Jesus. She was not a member of the Church of God but she believed in divine healing. She would visit us and when she would feel a little bad, she would ask us to pray for her. She was a faithful old soul. She leaves to mourn her loss seven children, two sisters, several grand children and a host of friends and relatives. It was sad to part with our dear old grandmother, but Jesus thought it best to take her home. We hope to meet her some day where we will never part no more. One who loved her so dearly. Her grandson and daughter, Theodore and Willie B. Johnson, Monroe, La.

## SEARS

On July 9, 1925 the death angel visited the home of T. A. Sears and took little Ora D. to live with Jesus. He was 7 years old, but God in His infinite love saw best to take him. His seat

## Call For Tent Meeting

I am not a member of the Church of God but my faithful wife is, and I see there is no other church. We would like to have a tent meeting. If some Church of God minister can come, write me and I will make the necessary arrangements. The middle of September will be a good time to run the meeting as the people will be through with their work and can come. My wife is not strong, pray for her that she may be healed and that the Lord will help me to forsake everything and be willing to work for Him and that I may receive the Holy Ghost and be a soul winner for Jesus. T. C. Horn, Rt. 1, Castlewood, Va.

## Timely Themes

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## CAMP MEETINGS

Ohio State Camp Meeting, Middletown, Ohio. E. Hayes in Charge. Aug. 6-16.

South Florida Camp Meeting, East Fort Myers, Fla. J. A. Self in charge. Aug. 27.

Texas State Camp Meeting, Weatherford, Texas. August 6-16.

## General Assembly

The 20th Annual Assembly of the Churches of God will convene in the Church of God Auditorium in Cleveland, Tenn. Oct. 19-25 inclusive.

The indications are that this will be the greatest Assembly in the history of the church. Our members and friends are invited. Those who are unsettled are requested to be present. Our opposers are insisted on to come and be convinced. Those who have been misled will find a welcome in our midst. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."



## Report of Ofterman, Ga. Camp-Meeting

The Ofterman Camp Meeting convened July 3d with S. J. Heath in charge. The following were appointed to fill their respective places: Clerks, J. W. Buchans and E. C. Dilbeck. Reception committee, J. L. Sinclair and R. C. Drake. Evangel and Orphanage agent Mrs. S. J. Heath. Ushers Earl Paulk and Tom Kelly, after which Brother Heath read the 13th chapter of Heb. and commented on same, then the service was turned over to the saints and many good testimonies were enjoyed by all. Quite a large crowd was present at the very first service. Before adjourning Brother Heath announced sunrise prayer meeting for every morning.

July 4, at 11:00 a. m. Brother Stephens being absent Brother L. G. Rouse was assigned to his subject. Fellowship. He read quite a number of Scriptures bearing on this subject and then gave a good exposition of the subject; showing the necessity of fellowship that we may have power and unity.

At 3:30 p. m. Mrs. S. J. Heath brought a stirring message on Loyalty to God and the Church. Text Matt. 7:24. "This is no time for slackers but God is looking for a people that will stand the test and show their loyalty by being in their place and living true lives."

8:30 p. m. J. W. Buchans brought the message, subject, Signs of the Times. He read several Scriptures to prove that we are living in the last days; showing the necessity of being ready at all times. After his discourse an offering was taken for the erection of a large tabernacle for camp meeting purposes and \$175.00 was subscribed.

July 5, 11:00 a. m. another collection was taken for the tabernacle and \$175.00 was subscribed. Brother Reuben Sweat preached from the subject, Stick to the Bible, using as a text 2 Tim. 4:2 and he did his subject justice by sticking to the Bible in everything he preached, showing the Bible would bring results that would be permanent if preached in its fullness.

3:30 p. m. The Sunday school work was taken up by brother Earl Paulk. He exhorted the parents to bring their children to Sunday school and train them up for the Lord. He handled his subject well, in fact, as good a Sunday school lecture as we have ever heard. Mrs. S. J. Heath then presented the orphanage work and \$26.00 was given for this noble cause.

8:30 p. m. The message was brought by Brother S. J. Heath, his subject was, The Ministry, using as a Scripture 1 Cor. 9:17-2. His first remarks were that ministers must preach the Word with love if they prove a success, as harshness will fail. He stressed the importance of giving our entire time to the ministry and that if we are sent by the Lord, He will supply our needs if we will work at it all the time. We will never win sinners by abusing them of their worldly habits; but we are to love them and preach the Word and when they get salvation that will take care of the habits. The most important thing in this world is to get men saved. It is the most powerful responsibility that has ever been placed upon man to preach the gospel. A wrong teaching might cost a human soul. Ministers who are arming their overseers and asking for good easy places are not worthy of the ministry. Above all things brethren and sisters steer clear of the opposite sex. It is a very lamentable fact that there is too much familiarity existing between the opposite sex.

July 6, 10:00 a. m. Bible study with Brother S. J. Heath in charge, Luke 11:5-13. Many interesting points were brought out.

8:00 p. m. Brother J. A. Hipp preached from the subject, God's Plan of Salvation. John 3:16. Showing first of all that men must repent before they can go into the deeper experiences. He showed that God had greater things for us if we will

walk in the light and seek after them.

July 7, 10:00-12:00 a. m. Bible study, Brother Heath in charge. The Lord led us away from the subject we had selected and we had a wonderful time as some of the themes of our experiences were brought out."

3:30 p. m. Mrs. Heath being called to Atlanta to the bedside of her sick father, Brother C. W. Kearce was appointed in her place and preached on, "The Resurrection. Text, Rev. 19:7, 8. Special emphasis was placed on being spotless, wearing white robes which is the righteousness of the saints."

7:30 p. m. Brother E. C. Dilbeck brought the message. His subject was, Being Ready. He stressed the importance of being ready at all times by living a clean pure life so we could welcome the Saviour at any moment. Brother Heath gave the altar call and it was soon filled with seekers.

July 8, 10:00-12:00 a. m. Bible study, Brother Heath in charge. This proved to be the greatest day of the camp meeting. The sunrise prayer meeting run right up to the hour for Bible study and for three hours it was at fever heat. We stopped a few minutes for lunch and came right back and continued the study until five o'clock. We learned many valuable things.

8:30 p. m. the most wonderful sermon of the camp meeting was preached by Brother J. L. Underwood, from the text, The Soul That Sinneth It Shall Die. During the latter part of his sermon the power fell in a most wonderful way, and for several minutes he had to keep silent while the Holy Ghost worked. Quite a number came to the altar confessing their sins.

July 9, 10:00-12:00 a. m. a very instructive Bible study was given from the 11th chapter of Rev.

8:30 p. m. Brother L. M. Smith brought the message, subject, Why I Am a Member of the Church of God. Acts 20:28. He said the Lord added him to the church and it was the only one he could find purchased by the blood of Jesus. He read several Scriptures proving that it is the only Bible church.

July 10, 11:00 a. m. Brother J. L. Stephens, State Overseer brought a wonderful message on, The Church and Its Government. Government is recorded here by our Lord and all we need is to put it into practice and it will give us freedom and joy. If it is put into practice in the home it will be carried out just right in the church. God's government gives us protection all along through life. God's government makes us confess our faults one to another; gets self out of the way and makes us love one another and walk upright. There was shouting and talking in tongues while he was preaching.

8:30 p. m. Brother S. J. Heath brought the message, using as a text 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. His theme was redemption: showing that Jesus has made our redemption complete from sin and the effects by healing our bodies and has also redeemed us from the great tribulation. He urged the necessity of getting the Holy Ghost that we might be worthy to escape all these punishments. He has borne our griefs and sorrows and wants us to be happy and free.

July 11, 11:00 a. m. Just as we were entering in this service a telegram was handed brother Heath from Sister Heath announcing the death of her father. This cast a gloom over the entire congregation. Brother Dilbeck called us to prayer in behalf of Sister Heath in her bereavement. Brother Stephens then brought a powerful message on, Walking in the Spirit. The power fell and there was much rejoicing.

8:30 p. m. Brother E. C. Dilbeck brought the message, subject, What Shall I do to be Saved. He stressed repentance as being the first step. Repent and believe the gospel. Then he showed the necessity of staying saved that we might obtain the prize.

July 12, began with a praise service, led by Brother L. M. Smith amid much rejoicing. The

## Report of District Convention at Pikeville, Tenn.

Sequatchie Valley District Convention was held at Pikeville at the Church of God at that place, June 28, 29, 30. A wonderful service was held on the night before, at which Bro. E. J. Boehmer preached a fine sermon.

On Sunday morning the convention opened with songs and prayers, after which Brother H. K. Keith, Pastor of the church there gave the welcome address, and he sure made everybody feel welcome. He was followed by E. J. Boehmer, subject, "How we Get Into the Church of God." He wonderfully proved by the Bible that people are not baptized neither born into the Church of God, and also that the church was not invisible and that people are added to it. The Lord set His approval on the message. After this we were dismissed and there was dinner on the ground for all who were present, which was a great feast.

At 1:30 p. m. service opened again with songs and praises. At 2 p. m. Brother H. B. Helton brought a wonderful message, using for a subject, "Anchored to the Rock." Not words enough to express what was felt by those who heard him.

3:00 p. m. The writer brought a message using for a subject, "Be Strong." The Lord truly was present.

Adjournment. 7:30. Songs and praises. Message by Brother John Burk. Altar Service. The Lord was present with much power and glory. No friction anywhere.

Monday Morning, 9:30 Songs and praises. 10:00 message by Brother Dick Lewis. Subject, Bible reasons for Believing Holiness. This was fine. The Lord accepted and approved it.

11:00. Short talk by Mrs. Ralph Coulter from Romans 8. Dismissed for dinner.

Wonderful good time. 2:00; Brother John Burk brought the message on love and unity. Truly hearing this wonderful message will make us love each other better.

3:00 p. m. Brother Cad Goins made a short talk on unity.

Adjournment. 7:30 Songs and praises. Brother Jake Simmons brought a wonderful message on Divine Healing.

Altar Service. One sanctified. Tuesday morning, 9:30 a. m. Songs and praises. 10:00 a. m. Message by Brother H. K. Keith, subject, Tithes and Offerings. The Lord surely set His approval on this message.

11:00 a. m. Short talk by Brother Burk. Dismissed for dinner.

1:30 p. m. Songs and praises. 2:00 p. m. Message by Sister Rinda Simmons, subject, On the Way. She certainly did preach well. There were short talks by others. The Lord blessed beyond description. There were some messages in tongues and interpretations urging all to obey the Lord.

This was the last of the convention, eternity alone can reveal the results.

The convention closed with good order.

R. C. Coulter.

Church of God Evangel was taken up by Brother Heath. After telling the great good the Evangel is doing and how it helps us to preach where it is read; and especially how it will help us in new fields to get the truth to the people, he gave an opportunity for subscribers and fifteen subscriptions were soon given; some sending the paper to their friends. After this Brother Stephens brought us another good message on, Opening the Seven Seals.

2:30 p. m. Brother L. G. Rouse brought a good message after giving several testimonies of marvelous healings.

8:30 p. m. Brother Heath brought the message on, Spiritual Worship, showing many forms of worship but only one true worship and that the worship of spirit and truth, thus ended one of the most spiritual and profitable camp meetings ever held in Georgia. The interest was at the highest from start to finish. The crowds never decreased, but as some went away others came. There was a gradual increase in the crowd to the very end. 444 registered, and as many more who did not register. Brother L. G. Rouse had charge of the entire healing services and many testified to healing. J. W. Buchans, E. C. Dilbeck, Clerks.

## REPORT OF MEETING AT HARRISBURG, ARK.

I am praising God this morning for a revival just closed at Bay Village, Arkansas, with Brother T. A. Sears in charge. Truly the Lord is gathering His people from all countries whether they have been driven and bringing them back to the fold, the Church of God. Amen! Many heard to express themselves as hearing the Word as never before. As Brother Sears preached the Word through demonstration and power, confessions were made and they drank in every word as it fell from the dear brother's lips. We were hungry here for the Word of God, and each one got their fill. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Truly, we were made to rejoice to see the hard-hearted sinners and holiness haters and professors of religion, brought under conviction and publicly confessed and wept through to victory. It seemed as though Satan was bound while the Lord blessed. There was good order each night. There were 2 saved, 9 sanctified and several seeking to be saved. Thank the Lord! This whole community was greatly stirred, it seems as never before.

Both white and colored people hastened to the church each night to hear the man of God as he rightly divided the Word of truth. Bless His name. Amen!

The presence of Brother T. A. Sears is worth while in any community. We thank the Lord for him. He has just returned from Alabama where the Lord blessed. I want to say to Alabama that Arkansas is on fire for the Lord. Amen! and we expect to meet you at the next Assembly, the Lord willing. I am a student of the Bible Training School by correspondence at Cleveland, Tenn., and have been in this blessed holy way for fifteen years, and I am not tired of the way. The longer I live in this way, the more I want to live in it. This way is still sweet to me, and I want to say to the dear ones scattered abroad, that the Lord has kept me in this way free from sin unto salvation since the day that I was saved. I thank the Lord that I can truly say that I am saved, sanctified to-day and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. I thank the Lord for keeping me saved. I trust the Lord for both soul and body.

We are expecting the Church of God to be set in order here soon by Brother Sears. I will ask all who read this to pray for us at this place and for your humble sister under the blessing of Mae F. Levesque.

DREW, Miss.—Austin Dodd writes, "I am still praising God this morning for the Holy Ghost, I praise Him for victory in my soul, I praise Him for the keeping power that keeps me free from sin every day of my life. I praise Him because He is my healer. He heals me of all kinds of sickness. I praise God because I have been in this way for about four years."

I want every one that reads this to pray that the Lord will bless in this place. There are no saints here but wife and I. Brother Edwards and Brother Burgess closed a meeting here on the third night of May. The Lord certainly did bless in a wonderful way. Pray for us that we may be able to hold up Jesus in this place."

HARTWELL, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for the victory in my soul and because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and praying that I might get closer to the Lord. We can never live so close to Him that we don't need to live closer, for without His help we are a failure in everything. I find that the Lord is a present help in time of need, for when my mother died it seemed at first that I could not give her up but as I would think of the times she prayed for the Lord to take her home and she would say, "How sweet it will be to make the change." These sweet words would comfort me to know that I had a hope of seeing her again. For she said, she was ready to go.

I praise the Lord for the way He healed my three children of the measles last fall and one of pneumonia, without the aid of remedies, but through prayer and faith in the Lord.

I desire the prayers of all who read this that I may do the

## Report of Louisiana State Convention

The State Convention which convened at Shepherd's Fold, July 10, 1925, opened at 8:00 p. m. Brother G. C. Dunn, State Overseer, in charge. Welcome address by the Pastor, Wm. Black. Text 103 Psa. Everybody was made to feel welcome. This was followed by a testimony service.

8:45 message was brought by the State Overseer, subject, "Follow Jesus." Text Matt. 8:20. Saturday

11:00 a. m. Songs and prayer; after which each church reported as follows:

Dunn Church in good condition with the members all shouting the victory, Brother Gay as pastor.

Monroe Church doing fine; saints with victory, State Overseer, pastor.

Kentwood church doing well; members with victory, Wilson Sharp, pastor.

Savannah Branch and Beadico, Not many members but in good condition, Brother B. C. Irwin, pastor.

Shepherd's Fold, Report over the mountain top of discouragement and confusion, pressing on to greater victory; church in good condition and standing four square for the Church of God, with Wm. Black as pastor and district overseer.

Sharps, Never been disturbed; has had shouting victory all the time, still gaining ground on the enemy and pressing on to greater heights in the Lord.

Bogalusa, Reports church in fairly good condition; praying to get stronger and a determination to come out on victory side. Banion Magee, pastor.

7:30 p. m. Service began with song and concert prayer. The testimony service conducted by Brother B. C. Erwin which brought about great joy, shouting, dancing and talking in tongues.

8:30 p. m. Sermon by the State Overseer. Text Joel 3:14. Brother Dunn gave out the Word with such power and love that the windows of heaven were opened up and the showers of blessings came down upon us and such weeping and rejoicing.

Sunday 10:00 a. m. By this time the saints were so filled with love and unity among them and when the song service began they broke forth in praises to God. The testimony service was conducted by Brother Fount Sharp from Cleveland, Tenn., one of the Bible School students, which was enjoyed by all.

10:30 a. m. the message was delivered by Brother Gay. Subject "Prayer." He showed how that all victories won by the saints of God were in answer to prayer. This message was encouraging and uplifting and

Lord's will at any cost. Mrs. Della Stone.

he said that our grace and strength came in humble obedience and fervent prayer to God.

11:00 a. m. Lecture by Bro. Morris from Holly Ridge. Subject, "Duty of Deacons and Treasurers," which was enjoyed by all.

11:30 a. m. Message by State Overseer on, "Government."

2:15 p. m. Service began with praises to God. Brother Wilson Sharp preached. Subject, "Go Forward," Text, Ex. 14:15. The saints were encouraged.

2:30 p. m. Brother Mitchell of Bogalusa, gave a message on, "Repentance." He is a young man 16 years of age and this message was a surprise and wonder to many, as he preached the Word with such power and boldness. If Brother Mitchell continues to work for the Lord we believe he will be a power some day.

3:00 p. m. Brother J. H. Hibon, of Kentwood gave a message on, "Love and Unity." This sermon brought a greater love and unity among the saints than ever before.

3:30 p. m. Sister Esther Williams of Monroe, delivered a discourse on, "Courage" which was food to our souls. And I am sure that every one was more encouraged after listening to this inspiring message.

4:00 p. m. Brother Banion Magee of Bogalusa brought the message on, "Holiness," Isa. 35:8. Brother Magee preached with power and victory; the saints shouted and praised God. The standard was lifted high until we all felt like getting a little higher in the way.

Sister Mollie Raborn of Piquette, Miss. gave in her experience which made all weep, both for joy and sympathy. She is all alone at her home church and standing true to the Church of God.

7:30 p. m. The service began as usual with songs and prayers. Testimony service conducted by Sister Fount Gallaway. The message was brought by Brother Dunn. Subject, "Judgment" which was preached with great power and victory until the sinners were under conviction and the saints felt like looking into their lives more carefully to see if they were ready to appear at the great judgment.

Well, this brings us to the close of our convention and eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished. We were made stronger and more determined to stand true to God and the Church of God, than ever before.

May God bless and keep all, is my prayer. Please pray for Shepherd's Fold that when the redeemed are marching in will be among the number.

F. M. Fitzgerald, Clerk, Covington, La.

## CANVAS CITY

### Portable Camp-Meeting

We have been planning and praying for a long time over the purchase or collecting together of a portable camp meeting equipment, consisting of one large auditorium tent. From three to four large tents 50x50 or 40x60 for dormitory and dining tents and about forty 12x14 living tents or house tents and such other equipments as would be necessary for a camp meeting.

This equipment will be under the management of the Executive Council and the property of the whole church.

Anyone who may have tents or any part of the necessary equipment as above described may donate same to this system. Those desiring to donate money for this purpose, may send same to Headquarters stating that it is for the purpose of purchasing and erecting THE CANVAS CITY. One Brother said, "Count on me for \$200.00 as soon as you are ready." How much can we count on you? The King's business requireth haste. Let me hear from you by early mail.

CHURCH OF GOD HEADQUARTERS.



# REPORT OF THE MINGO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN WEST VIRGINIA

The Mingo County Convention of the Churches of God for this year was held at Delbarton, W. Va., July 2-5, 1925.

This convention was a success and many souls were blessed thereby. However, the enemy was against us, because Brother Scoggin's little girl was afflicted to the extent that he was not able to be with us during the convention.

The convention opened Thursday night with songs and prayer, followed by Scripture reading from Psalms 34, by Bun E. Hicks, our District Overseer, and moderator.

Then Brother C. W. Florence delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Bros. William E. Brewer and Mike Salmon. The speakers certainly made us feel welcome.

Friday morning 11:00 a. m. Brother George Sprouse delivered a sermon. He showed that the Holy Ghost is for us now, also the blessedness in having Him.

Friday afternoon, 3:30 p. m. sermon by Rev. E. C. Clark, Subject, Blessings of Fellowship, Lesson John 17. He showed that fellowship brings unity, then unity brings strength, the greatest strength when they work together in fellowship and unity with themselves and with their pastors. Furthermore, he illustrated this subject, by showing how the main spring in a watch pulls the big wheel, then the big wheel pulls the other wheel, likewise, the Holy Ghost keeps the pastor going, then the pastor keeps the church going.

8:00 p. m. Testimonies led by C. W. Florence. There were many testimonies given to the glory of God, and the saints seemed to be in perfect unity. The Lord certainly blessed in a wonderful way.

This service was followed by a sermon by William E. Brewer, Subject, The Saviour of This World. He showed that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of this world. This was followed with an altar call and seekers in the altar.

Saturday morning 10:30 a. m. Report of the churches. Several churches were reported, and from the reports, it seemed that the Lord was blessing the work. Truly the Lord blessed in a marvelous way in this service and set His approval on the work.

3:00 p. m. Sermon by George Hensley, Subject, Fullness of Blessings. He showed that the only way to get the fullness of blessings is by paying your tithes. Indeed this was a wonderful service, and it seemed like everybody was dipping in and getting some of the blessings.

8:00 p. m. Everybody Feel Good. Sister C. W. Florence. This was a testimony service, and everybody seemed to be feeling good.

This was followed by a sermon, Sanctification, How Obtained, by E. C. Clark, using for a text, Heb. 12:12. He showed undeniably that we are sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, also, he told us how to stay sanctified, that is to form no friendship with the world.

Sunday morning 10:30 a. m. Sunday school class taught by Bro. Florence. The lesson was edifying and was enjoyed by all.

At 11:00 a discourse on Sunday school work by E. C. Clark. The speaker showed the importance of this work, that while we have schools for the Educational training of the children, yet Sunday school work must be carried along for their spiritual training. He also, showed that every church in good condition would have a Sunday school.

3:00 p. m. Free for all talks on Foreign Missions, Introduced by James Starr. There seemed to be an awakening on this important subject, and each one seemed to be determined to do more for this work.

3:45 Brother C. W. Florence spoke on the subject of Pure and Undeveloped Religion, using for a text, James 1:27. He proved that pure and undeveloped religion is to visit the widows and orphans in their afflictions. We all were made to see our duty towards the support and welfare of the orphans.

8:30 Sermon by Pearly Stepp.

## HOME COMING DAY AT TAMPA

We wish to praise God today for another great and glorious time in the Church of God at Tampa, Fla. Sunday, July 5, Home Coming Day and a general jubilee celebration for what God hath wrought. About 15 years ago a mission was established in this city at 22 St., 18 Ave. A few baptized saints covenanted together to go all the way, and to work for other souls.

God blessed in a marvelous way, so in a few months a church was set in order. The small hut building was too uncomfortable so a tent was put up, and six weeks meeting held with Brother and Sister Lemons in charge. Forty-two souls came through to victory, and the result was a lot purchased at 18th Ave on 28th St., and a building built by our own members. On and on God so helped in spite of the enemy trying to break up the work, and we are still here doing business for our Saviour and King, hallelujah.

Last November Brother E. W. Williams was sent as pastor and he soon found that the church was too small, so our loyal leaders decided to enlarge our borders and strengthen our stakes, and July 5th, we entered into the building, made twice larger than before, finished completely and ready for still greater things from God. Oh, our hearts are burning into glory and praise.

At 10:00 a. m. Sunday school was conducted; then a good exercise subject, "Tithing" by class of young people, teacher, Sister Fannie Smith.

11:00 a. m. A great song service, prayer and a program of talks led by Brother Williams. Visiting of Church of God at Tampa. Sister Rosa F. Murphy.

1:00 p. m. Gospel of J. N. Martin. First experience of His life by Brother J. N. Martin. Scripture reading by Brother Mild Sammons, who also gave his experience of Pentecost and mission work in the city of Tampa. He after words was pastor of the church for a season. How the Lord did bless as each speaker told in glowing language of God's blessings. "The Lord was with us inspiring every word. Praise His name! A hot day but, the large crowd was attentive and helped to swell the amens.

At the close of the program Brother Williams gave a chance for freewill offerings, and how gladly each one came forward until the amount was almost \$200.00. Praise God. Then the entire Assembly on knees with uplifted hands, poured out their souls to God, and amid shouts and weeping gave Him the building. Surely it was a sight for angels to view and we are sure that the Lord was pleased.

1:30 p. m. A bountiful dinner was served under the oaks.

3:00 p. m. Praise, testimony music by band. Sermon on the church by Brother Williams. Many at the altar.

7:30 Sermon, Escape for Your Life by Brother Williams. At the close everybody was invited to fill the altar and thank God for the day so richly blest in every way.

Thus closed a glad day in Zion long to be remembered and the influence still to linger among us. It is good to give thanks unto the Lord. Dear saints, don't stop, don't falter, don't faint, greater days are coming, look up and live. Hallelujah.

Rosa B. Murphy.

The speaker impressed greatly the importance of standing true to the Church of God.

9:00 Sermon. How to be a Loyal Member of the Church of God, by Bun E. Hicks. The speaker showed that in order to be a loyal member we must obey them that have the rule over us; also that we must pay tithes, and give contributions to the Foreign Missionary and Orphanage work. Also that we will endorse Sunday school work to the extent that we will attend it every Sunday, furthermore, that we should attend every religious service.

10:00 p. m. Closing of Convention. Truly this convention was a success. All praise and honor be to God through His Son Jesus Christ.

James Starr  
Greysage, W. Va.

## REPORT OF COPPERHILL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Copperhill District Convention convened at Lenoir City, June 7 with E. L. Simmons, State Overseer, in charge.

Friday 7:30 p. m. Song service. Opening prayer by S. F. Beard. Scripture reading, "Psa. 121 by the pastor J. R. Thomas. After giving a few words of welcome Brother Simmons brought the message on "Progression" text Deut. 1:1-8. Both saint and sinner were held spellbound from beginning to the end. One sinner remarked that he never had heard such a sermon before. It surely was encouraging and uplifting and did our souls good. We thank the Lord for our State Overseer.

Brothers S. F. Beard and Brannon of Harriman District gave a short talk. Very encouraging; the outlook bright. They are coming out from under the cloud which has been hindering the work. The Harriman folks sang a quartet.

Saturday 1:30 p. m. After the regular songs and prayer service, Brother J. S. Walker brought the message on "Fellowship and Unity". He said many good things.

7:30 p. m. Praise service followed by financial report of the churches. Message by W. F. Green of Hiwassee. Subject, What it Takes to be a Loyal Member of the Church of God. Text, Eph. 5:25. He did not fail to tell us what we should do. The tithing system was made so plain that if there were any present who did not pay tithes they were left without an excuse.

Sunday morning we were pleased to learn that the General Overseer had arrived and after Sunday school he gave us a lecture from his chart on Revelation, reading Daniel 7th chapter.

Revelation is a book that is considered difficult to understand but as Brother Lee explained the Scripture to us it was so plain that a child could understand it.

Sunday 2:30 p. m. Praise service was followed by call of Churches as follows: Copper Hill, Cannon's Chapel, Tellico Plains, Hiwassee and Lenoir City. The report from each church showed that they were progressing, though some are sending out the Macedonian cry.

Sunday 7:30 p. m. After song service Brother Lee gave another lecture on the big chart Revelation, reading the 6th chapter of Rev. As we gazed upon the chart and Brother Lee explained it we were again held spellbound our minds drifting heavenward. As he continued the discourse we could get views of the beauty of our Father's handiwork and of the wisdom laid out by Him in the great plan of salvation for poor fallen man. We were made to feel and realize more than ever before that, "He doeth all things well".

The convention closed Sunday night and the Lord blessed in every service and at times it seemed that heaven and earth came together and the Lord in the midst. Surely the saints were edified and encouraged to press on after such a time of praise and rejoicing and feasting on the heavenly manna, and enjoying the blessings of the Lord during the convention.

To all the visiting saints we give you a cordial invitation to come again.

Etta Voiles.

NOCATEE, Fla.—I am praising God this morning for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. Bless His name. He fills my soul with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. I praise the Lord for letting me see the light on the Church of God, and because I am a member.

I thank the Lord for sending Brother W. A. Sullivan and wife here for our pastor. We love them and appreciate the way they give out the Word.

Pray for me that the Lord will heal my body.

Mrs. James Reeves.

I am still praising God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. We are still giving God the praise for victory over sin and the devil.

We have just closed a three days' meeting here and God wonderfully blessed. One was saved and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. There are many still looking this way. Please pray for this place that God will continue to bless.—H. Famon, Reddick, Fla.

## PAY YOUR TITHES

ATLANTA, Ga.—The dear Lord has laid it on my heart to write a few lines this afternoon on tithing. Now don't throw this paper down, but hear me to the end. I know I have picked the most unpopular subject that any one could find, even to some members of the Church of God. Praise God I am not trying to please men, but God. Now, don't think I am writing this for personal gain, for I am not a preacher. I am just a member of the church; the one that Jesus purchased with His own precious blood.

The hardest battle I had with the devil was to pay tithes, but praise the Lord I am now building on the solid rock. We find in the 18th chapter of Numbers God's plan for financing the church. Now, my good friends if God had that plan to keep his ministers on the battlefield then He certainly has a plan now. Oh, you will say that this was back in the old Bible, that does not mean us, we are not required to keep the old laws of Moses. Listen my friends, if God has changed his plan of financing His church, please tell me where? and when? And also what is His plan now? Now, some will say I don't believe that God wants me to pay Mr. So and So a tenth of my living, for he has much better clothes than I have, or he has a new car or he lives in a nicer house than I. My friends, can you back up your belief with the Word of God? Does not the Word of God say try the spirits? Is that a true brotherly spirit? No, my friends, that is a selfish spirit.

There are many lost hungry souls in the world today that would like to have this same salvation that we have. Won't you do your duty and send some one with the Word of life? You say, I have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. He leads me into all truths. Has He not led you to pay God what you owe Him? The Word of God says, "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Friends, if He has showed you the light and you still walk in darkness, don't take another step in the dark but get into the wonderful light of the Gospel of Christ. Pray for me.

Dean Watson.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—I want to thank the Lord for what He is doing here. The saints are still on fire for the Lord. Having just closed a two weeks' meeting, we want to thank God for five souls being saved, five sanctified, thirteen received the Holy Ghost, seven came into the church and 29 followed the Lord in water baptism; also more to be baptized later.

Brother Steve Douglas from Alabama, gave out the Word of God in such a way that it will be long remembered here and will make us all want to measure up to the Word of God if we ever get to heaven.

At the close of the revival we observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. The Lord sure did bless from the very beginning of the revival, and is still continuing to be with us at every service.—Tony Ford.

## SPRAINED FOOT HEALED

LITTLETON, W. Va.—I praise God this evening for saving, sanctifying me and also for the great healing power of God. Bless His dear name forever. I was just reading some of the good testimonies in the Evangel that a brother gave me, and I just want to add my testimony for the glory of God. Praise His dear name.

On April 24, 1925, my 14-year-old daughter sprained her foot and was suffering intensely. I could not move her foot without taking her hands and lifting it wherever she wanted it, so she asked me to pray for her foot which I did. It was swollen very much. I prayed and anointed it with oil and the Lord healed it, and immediately she got up and walked and praised the Lord for healing her. She is also a child of God. There are just three of us in the family and we all belong to the Lord. I am the only one of our family that has received the Holy Ghost. Pray that my husband and daughter may also receive their baptism.

## ORPHANAGE DAY AT FREE WILL CHURCH IN MISS.

Well, I have stood by the bier of silent thought long enough. I just must tell about His wonders, for they are great. We had the most wonderful day at the old Freewill Church the 4th Sunday in June in behalf of the orphans. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. We had singing, preaching and dinner on the ground. After having sung the sweet songs of Zion for quite a while, we then had concert prayer. How the dear Lord did bless as we all knelt there in holy reverence of our Father; the saints came up, shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. One could truly feel the power and presence of the Lord.

The pastor's wife gave a recitation on "Opportunity." She said to her mind that this is the greatest poem ever written. How our opportunity knocks at our door each day and bids us rise and fight and win. In the welcome address she used Isa. 58:1, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression," and told them that we had met there to plead for the orphans and cause of the widows, and emphasized the fact that we as a people are gone a way back. We have fallen short of our privileges is why this nation is cursed with a curse. We have kept the portion that belonged to the Lord. It means something to keep your sacrifice, your vow to God. It all belongs to Him in the first place. He says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills". Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay your vows unto the most High. If everyone would pay their vows to God and offer up thanksgiving to Him, you would not be able to contain the blessings that God would pour into your thirsty soul. It always brings God's wrath to neglect the fatherless. We may think to gain by failing to give God the tenth, but you need not expect to receive the benefits promised in the 58th chapter of Isaiah, but it is to the one who will meet the conditions.

Our pastor, Brother J. J. Wedgeworth preached a sermon on, "What's Past, What's Now, and What's Next." He did not fail to warn the people, and all seemed to appreciate it, a spirit of love and unity seemed to prevail throughout the entire service. The collection was then taken up for the orphans, \$9.70.

After dinner we had more singing. Brother Fowler of Greensboro, Miss., preached for us. The Lord surely did bless as he expounded the Word to us. This was followed by Sister Mary Tidwell giving us a short talk on the motherly presence of the Holy Ghost. We sang, Everybody Will Be Happy Over There, and closed.

On the 3rd Sunday in June, a little bunch of saints at Means, Miss., had a day just like this one for the orphans. The Lord wonderfully blessed and we took up a collection of \$8.62. "They judged not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore saith the Lord, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies. Isa. 1:23, 24. It is time for people to awake and claim their inheritance, for the true light has come and the only hope of the world is Jesus. Pastor J. J. Wedgeworth, Union, Miss.

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—Ethel Rymer writes, "I am thanking God this morning for the sisters who came out and prayed for my baby, which the dear Lord wonderfully healed. I am glad I can trust the Lord for the healing of my family. I also praise the Lord for the Evangel, it certainly is a blessing to me, I do not feel like I could do without it. I desire the prayers of all God's praying people that I may continue to stay in the center of His will."

## THE LORD BLESSING IN GA.

WARTHEN, Ga.—I am praising God today for this good glad day when I feel the love of Jesus bubbling up in my soul, bless His precious name. Two years ago last Oct. I heard the Word preached in its fullness and saw the light and walked in it; am so glad I did. I am so glad I just can't express it. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and He still abides. Praise His precious name. The Lord has been so good to me until I just cannot praise Him enough. He supplies my needs and heals my body when I get sick, also heals my five children. There were nine of our family that had the flu, nearly all down at one time and the Lord healed them all without taking any medicine. Praise God.

If we only humble ourselves before Him, he will give us that joy unspeakable. I am so glad He took the pride out of my heart. I used to belong to the Baptist Church but I was always hungering for something I did not have, but thank God I found it when I received the Comforter and came into the Church of God. I would not be back like I once was for anything.

I just want to say Easter was the best Easter Sunday I ever spent. We had an Easter program by the children which was just grand. After the program Bro. D. K. Horten brought the message. Dinner was then spread and I am sure every one enjoyed the many good things to eat.

At two o'clock we met back in the church, the Lord was with us in a wonderful way. During the testimony service a deacon of the Baptist Church got up and said he wanted us to pray for him that the Lord would help him give up his tobacco. He came to the altar and the power fell and he came up shouting and praising God, after which Bro. James Martin preached, giving out the Word under the mighty power of God. The evening service closed, but the Lord blessed wonderfully between evening and night services. There was shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and a message was given out.

At the night service the message was again given by Bro. D. K. Horten, our district overseer, after which we had the Lord's supper and feet washing and oh! such power, tongue can never tell the love and great joy we felt.

Sister Mary D. Rouse has charge of the church here. She is more than a mother to us. How we love her, and we are proud of Brother Horton, as our district overseer, he is a power for God and we are sure Brother Stevens made no mistake when he appointed him to this district.

Please pray for us that we might lift up Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Mae Bell Smith.

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